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1. [] the Chinese Communist authorities held a meeting at Wantzu (approximately N 22-12, E 113-35) of the fishermen of the Wantzu area. They discussed methods of increasing the profits of the fishermen; areas for mooring fishing boats; the renumbering of fishing boats; and replacement of licenses with new ones issued by the Communist authorities.
2. [] the Communist authorities ordered all fishermen [] to sail their boats to Wantzu where a second meeting was to be held to make a final decision on the measures discussed at the first meeting. [] the fishermen considered the measures proposed at the first meeting to be oppressive and unreasonable []
3. At the [] meeting the Communist authorities indicated that they wanted the fishermen to move any dependents [] to Wantzu. [] not even the owners of boats which were licensed by the Communists were prepared to move their anchorages to Communist waters, and the question concerning residence of dependents had not been settled.
4. [] the Chinese Communists reorganized the fishermen of Wantzu, Hsiangchouwan (approximately 22-27, E 113-35), Hsiangchou (N 22-14, E 113-32), Ch'ihch'ihshien (N 21-59, E 112-59), Kuanghai (N 21-58, E 112-48), Shangch'uanshan (N 21- , E 112-), and Chap'o (N 21-37, E 111-46), into groups composed of the operators of ten fishing boats. The operators of one boat were held responsible

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for the conduct of the personnel on the other nine boats in the group.² Group leaders were chosen from among those who had Communist training. All fishermen were required to take military and political training according to a rotation plan.

Comments

1. [redacted] the Fifth Frontier Defense Bureau had called an 11 November meeting of fishermen at Wantzu, and [redacted] opposition at the meeting to a directive on the sale of fish to a Communist cooperative [redacted] had resulted in the arrest of several of the fishermen. This report also described other controls over fishermen in the Kwangtung coastal area.

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